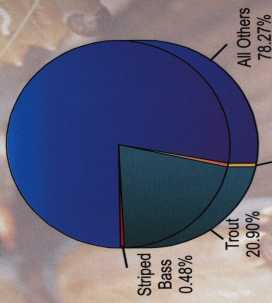


VIRGINIA HIGHLIGHTS

Virginia aquaculture producers grossed over \$32.5 million in sales in 2003. Saltwater species accounted for \$26.5 million dollars of the total aquaculture sales with clams supplying over \$20.3 million dollars in gross sales. Freshwater species brought in over \$6.0 million with trout sales accounting for nearly 21 percent of these freshwater receipts.

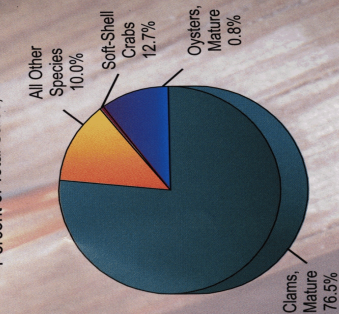
Freshwater Species

Percent of Total Sales, 2003



Saltwater Species

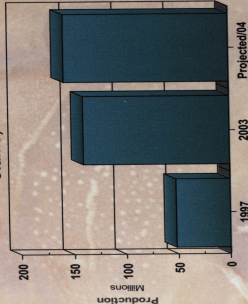
Percent of Total Sales, 2003



SALTWATER

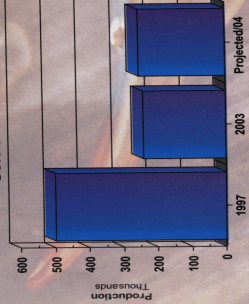
Clam production is up 167 percent from 1997. Over 139.8 million mature clams were produced in 2003, representing the largest percent of saltwater gross sales at 76.5%.

Clams, Mature



Soft-shell crab production is down 52 percent from 1997. Over 241 thousand dozen soft-shell crabs were produced in 2003 accounting for over 3.3 million in gross sales.

Soft-Shell Crabs

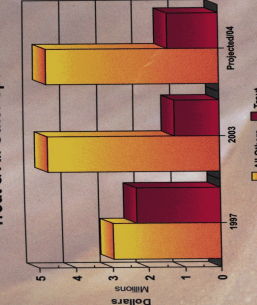


Oyster production is up 179 percent from 1997. Over 859 thousand mature oysters were produced in 2003, accounting for over \$212 thousand in gross sales.

FRESHWATER

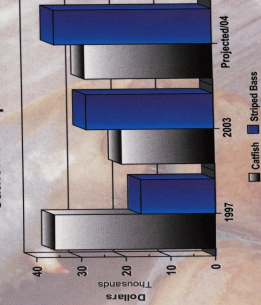
Trout production in the State decreased by 40 percent from 1997. Production was right at 670,000 lbs. with gross sales over \$1.2 million.

Trout & All Other Species



Catfish and hybrid striped bass represented the smallest percentage of the freshwater industry combining for a 1 percent share of gross sales. Catfish production has declined slightly from 1997 while hybrid striped bass have increased their gross sales by 42 percent.

Catfish & Striped Bass

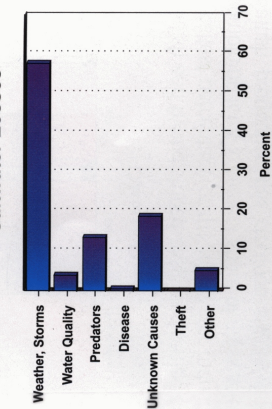


Sale of all other species grossed over \$4.7 million with tilapia sales being the largest influence in this category. Seventy-eight percent of freshwater sales were from the all other species category.

LOSSES

Of the total saltwater losses, nearly 58% were due to weather and storms, which is not surprising considering the eastern shore suffered considerable damage from Hurricane Isabel during the 2003 season. The majority of the freshwater losses were a result of disease and predation. Disease represented 35% of the reported losses while predators accounted for 26%.

Saltwater Losses



Freshwater Losses

